

"Children of the Frontier"

Comité Franco-Américain pour la protection des
Enfants de la Frontière

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

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Marie and Simone Truchon, and father. Before the war the father was a mason. He has been at the front since war broke out. The mother, left with four children, found it difficult to give them sufficient nourishment. She had lost a little boy of tubercular meningitis in 1908. In March, 1916, a second boy, René, died of the same malady, and in February, 1917, the mother succumbed to the same disease. A month later the four-year-old daughter, Simone, died of bronchial pneumonia following measles. Marie has been placed in the Sanatorium of Ormesson, at the expense of the Committee, and a boy, Alphonse, is in our colony at Gourin.

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This sister, 72 years old, with two of her young helpers, is arranging her traditional bouquet for guests. Thanks to her work and care in the garden the colony has not suffered from lack of fresh vegetables.

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Le Long family at Liaucourt-Fosse, near Røge, in the Somme. They were living in the ruins of their stable without sufficient food, clothing or heat. There was no hope of schooling this winter, so we took the three boys and neighbors are going to help care for the mother, the little girl and baby who are left. The father and older brother are prisoners in Germany and they have had no news of them since they were taken.

The work of this Committee was inaugurated in 1914 as an emergency relief measure to care for a small number of the destitute refugees from the invaded districts of France and Belgium. Steadily it has broadened in scope, and become more permanent in character, and the prolongation of the war, with the inevitable increase of misery, makes it more imperative than

ever that we should bear our share of the burden.

The following statement of the work accomplished during the last year will be of interest to those who have so generously supported this undertaking.

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The father of these boys suffers from deafness and the shock undergone when an obus exploded beside him. The mother falling ill, was taken to a hospital for a serious operation. Faced with the situation of being obliged to return to the front and with leaving the two boys and a seven-year-old daughter absolutely alone, the poor man turned to a Sister of Charity of the neighborhood, who directed the children to the Franco-American Committee, which has taken the children under its care. The mother hopes to take her children back should she recover and regain her strength.

The Work in France

We have been fortunate in having several members on our Executive Committee in Paris, long resident in France, through whom it has been possible to keep in exceptionally close and sympathetic touch with the French people and government. It is because the work has the confidence of the French that we have been able to obtain the devoted services of the Sisters and Fathers to care for the children, and the active assistance of many individuals who give time and service, buildings and furnishings.

Relationship with Red Cross

A close and harmonious relationship has been established with the Red Cross in France. Mr. Carl Taylor, of our Committee, is also a Red Cross official, and Mrs. William H. Hill is in charge of one department of the new Children's Bureau which the Red Cross has just established under the able direction of Dr. Lucas, a child specialist, loaned by the University of California.

There are thus two liason officers for these organizations, and already much benefit has resulted from this co-ordination of the work for the thousands of destitute children in France.

Mr. Auguste F. Jaccaci, the President of the Comité, is Advisor of the Children's Bureau of the Red Cross and has given valuable assistance to Dr. Lucas in the latter's Red Cross work.

The Comité extends most heartfelt thanks to the officials of the Red Cross, both in France and America, for their assistance in shipping supplies, and for a donation of \$5,000.00 for office expenses in France for 1918, and for having assigned to our service one of its physicians, Dr. Frederic Hart Wilson, to care for the children in our colonies, and for many other kindnesses.



Carpenters' Class at Cabourg.

Education

A special effort is being made to educate the children adequately. In some of the colonies it is possible for the children to attend the schools in the neighboring towns; but in others, owing either to lack of schools or to the health of the children, it has been found neces-

sary to supply kindergartens and special teachers. Often the repatriated children have been entirely without schooling for three years, and special training is necessary to help them take their places in the industrial world.

The Comité gives the children a regular education up to the age of thirteen, and after that the girls are trained in domestic science, sewing, lace-making, etc., and the boys in domestic science, sewing, lace-making, etc., and the boys apprenticed. They are taught carpentry,



RAYMOND FOURNIER

This little boy has been motherless since 1906. His father has disappeared. The aunt, who had cared for Raymond and his two brothers, finding herself in a distressing situation financially, has asked the Franco-American Committee for the Protection of the Children of the Frontier to take care of Raymond, who came to the Committee in an emaciated and anemic condition.

printing, cobbling, agriculture, and other trades. Sixty-seven boys are now apprenticed, their earnings being paid over to the Comité as legal guardian, and used for the benefit of each boy.

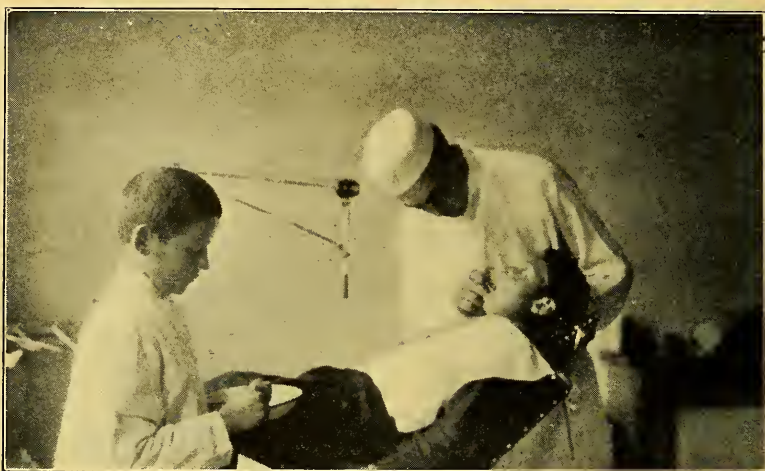
Medical Treatment

Sincere thanks and appreciation are due Dr. Charles Fleck, an American physician who, for four months, gave untiring and devoted care to the children.

Dr. Fleck reports that he found the general health of the children remarkably good, but that about 80 per cent. of them suffer to some degree from structural irregularities affecting respiration, digestion and circulation. This high

percentage is, of course, due to the wretched conditions in which they have been living. In many cases corrective exercises, training in hygiene, and much out-door living will be sufficient to remedy these defects; others, more serious, will require extended treatment.

Dr. Fleck's work has resulted in evident improvement in the condition of the children, and he is planning to return next summer to establish a summer camp colony for about two hundred of the children who are most in need of such special oversight and treatment.



Dr. Brodeur at Work.

Dr. Brodeur is a graduate of the Harvard Dental School and his services have been given us for a year.

Dentist.

An American dentist, Dr. A. P. Brodeur, has been busy for many months getting the children's neglected teeth into hygienic condition.

Volunteers

It is with the greatest appreciation and gratitude that we give the list of our volunteer workers in France. Their contribution of unselfish and efficient service is invaluable, and we only wish it were possible to give a detailed report of what each has accomplished. The

Executive Committee never could have accomplished such an amazing amount of work had it not been for the untiring help of these volunteers.

MISS LUCINA BATESON
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MRS. WM. OLMSTED, JR.
MRS. C. T. OWENS

MISS HELEN L. RUSSELL
MRS. FRANCES SHAW
MRS. RICHARD P. STRONG
MISS ERICA THORPE

Number of Children in care of the Comité

The comité had under its care, on December 1, 1917, 1,365 children, distributed among seven Paris depots,

and twenty-seven colonies located in different parts of France. The average per capita cost for their maintenance is Frs. 1.15.



Children of a retaken village of the Somme at school in a cellar. All of these children had been under the domination of the Germans, and a close study of the faces will show that their spirit has been quite crushed. The visitors found them unresponsive and silent when one would have looked for life and spontaneity.

Sources from which the Children Come

The children are collected from Belgium and Alsace-Lorraine, and from many parts of invaded France: the Aisne and Rheims regions, the Marne, Somme, Meur-

the et Moselle, Lille (Nord), Pas de Calais, Charleville, and many repatriated from the "stolen country" through Evian. In many cases they arrive barefoot and with only a gingham apron to protect them from the cold. They are all frightened and homeless, many of them ill from shock and exposure. One little boy of three was so shattered that he did not speak for three months after his arrival; but in most cases a few weeks restores the confidence of the child.



Boys Playing by the Sea at Cabourg.

New Colonies

Two hundred and sixty new children have been brought in during the last three months, and new colonies to house them are being opened as rapidly as buildings can be secured and made ready.

A mountain farm colony in the south of France is being opened, with the assistance of Mlle. de Rose, where special training in all kinds of agriculture is to be given. It is hoped that this colony will be self-supporting at the end of three years. There will be a sanatorium for delicate boys connected with it.

The generosity of Mrs. J. Low Harriman has made possible the establishment of a sanatorium at Berck for tubercular cases, of which there is a large and increasing number. About a third of these are in plaster.



Baby born of a French mother now dead and a German father, in a retaken village of the Somme.

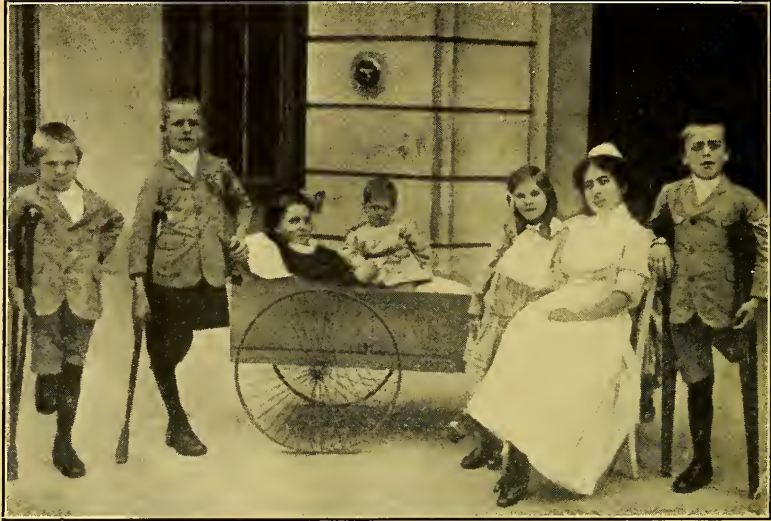
There is also a new colony with a capacity to care for fifty little children from one to three years old.

Prevention of Tuberculosis

Most of the children come from the invaded districts, but occasionally children from Paris are taken when they are found in the care of tuberculous parents or guardians.

Colonies and Depots

Following is a list of the colonies and depots where the 1,365 children under the care of the Comité were housed on December 1st, 1917:



Picture of Children Injured in Bombardments at La Jonchere.

Colonies

Name	Under the special charge or protection of	Description	Capa- city	No. of children Dec. 1 1917
1 Berck (Pas-de-Calais)	Mrs. J. Low Harriman Mrs. Wm. H. Hill	Sanatorium for tubercular children (bone & glands) new	30	14
2 Blois		Colony for girls Soeurs de la Provi- dence	40	40
3 Brandon		Colony for girls Soeurs de St. Joseph de Cluny	33	31
4 Cabourg (Calvados)	Chicago Colony managed by Mrs. Richard P. Strong	Colony for boys Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	70	67
5 Caen (Calvados)		Colony for girls Soeurs de Bon Sauveur	10	9
6 Chasseneuil		Colony for girls Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	46	45
7 Chateaubourg		Colony for girls Soeurs de St. Joseph de Cluny	23	23

Name	Under the special charge or protection of	Description	Capa- city	No. of children Dec. 1 1917
8 Les Clarisses (Versailles)	Comtesse Pierre de Viel- Castel and Mrs. Walter Gay, & Comtesse Charles d'Ursel	Colony for girls Soeurs de St. Joseph, Ypres	20	20
9 Cluny		Colony for boys Soeurs de St. Joseph de Cluny	60	59
10 La Cour		Colony for boys Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	90	88
11 Elancourt		Colony for boys Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	24	24
12 Gourin		Colony for boys Soeurs de St. Joseph de Cluny	52	49
13 Grandbourg	Miss Emily R. Cross	Colony for girls Soeurs de Notre Dame de Sion	100	99
14 Issy-les-Moulineux (Seine)	Miss Emily R. Cross	Colony for boys (new)	150	30
15 La Jonchère	Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss	Sanatorium Boys and girls	47	45
16 Maisons Alforts	Mrs. Oliver Roosevelt	Colony for boys Soeurs de St. Joseph de Cluny	30	28
17 Boulogne ("Maison Francoise")	Mrs. G. Stanley	Colony for little boys and girls	47	46
18 Morangis	Miss Helen L. Russell	Colony for boys Soeurs de Notre Dame des Anges	66	66
19 Nemours	Mrs. Francis Shaw	Colony for girls Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	80	78
20 Neuilly	Mrs. Beverly MacMonagle	Colony for boys and girls. Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	29	29
21 Les Ombrages (Versailles)	Comtesse Pierre de Viel- Castel and Mrs. Walter Gay	Colony for girls Soeurs de St. Joseph d'Ypres	69	66
22 Oulins	Mrs. Wm. H. Hill	Colony for boys and girls. Soeurs de St. Joseph d'Ypres	44	45

Name	Under the special charge or protection of	Description	Capacity	No. of children Dec. 1 1917
23 Perreux		Colony for girls Open April- November only	60	
24 Presles	Miss Marjorie Cheney	Colony for boys Soeurs de St. Therese de Jesus	62	63
25 Rennes	Mme and Mlle Guillemot	Colony for girls	15	15
26 Rosay	Mrs. Wm. H. Hill	Colony for boys Soeurs de St. Joseph d'Ypres	28	21
27 St. Laurent		Colony for girls (new) not yet open	25	

Paris Depots

1 Bobillot	Depot for girls Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	40	36
2 Gentilly	Depot for girls Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	20	19
3 Meuniers	Depot for girls Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	34	29
4 Reuilly	Depot for boys Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	15	14
5 Sevres	Depot for boys Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	30	30
6 Stephenson	Depot for boys Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	21	21
7 Tombe Issoire	Depot for girls Soeurs de St. Vincent de Paul	25	16

There were also children specially cared for, as follows:

Placed temporarily in private sanatoria.....	19
Placed temporarily in hospitals.....	6
Apprenticed	43
Placed out	33

Marraine System

The adoption or "marraine" system of providing for the support of our children has developed until 688 children have American "godparents." These "godparents" contribute \$72 a year for the support of each child, and many also give \$25 additional to supply the clothing.

In order to extend this helpful and intimate relationship, all the work of this department has been transferred to the New York office, and placed under the



IN THE POTATO FIELD

Here with the help of one of the farmers of the country-side, who loaned his horses, his plow and his harrow, were planted 350 kilos of potatoes. The children have done most of the work of hoeing and putting in hills. If the season is good there should be a crop of three tons of potatoes.

direct charge of Mrs. W. K. B. Emerson, 18 West 57th Street, New York., to whom all correspondence from marraines, and applications for children, should be addressed, and who will gladly furnish detailed information.

The Paris Committee is anxious to start a Christmas Fund for the children, to insure each child having some gift. We will be grateful, therefor, to receive any contributions in money (not articles) toward this fund,

and will forward it direct to Paris, thus assuring an equal happiness to every child.

Work in the United States

On this side of the water the work has grown to correspond with the increased demands from the French headquarters. The organization has gradually become more widely known until there are now groups and individuals all over the United States who are contributing toward the work.

Much of this growth is due to the tireless energy of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lindon Smith, who, during the year, visited forty-eight towns and cities, organizing and speaking on behalf of the children. This year they are continuing the work, their recent visit to France making it possible for them to give a first-hand report of present conditions.

Supply Committee

Clothing, food and supplies of all kinds have been shipped in large quantities from the United States, and it is hoped that this year we may be able greatly to extend this service.

Work in Schools

A great accession to our strength has come in the form of the organized help of the domestic science departments of many schools, both public and private. This contribution of the children of America to the children of France promises to be of great value.

Number of Articles Shipped

The total number of articles of clothing shipped to France during 1917, from all groups and individuals combined, is 85,000.

Contributions of Sewing or Donated Garments

The Comité is deeply grateful to all those groups and individuals who have made it possible to clothe these children warmly and comfortably.

A list follows of the towns and cities from which these garments have come. Only lack of space prevents more detailed acknowledgment.



A corner of the Vestiaire of the Franco-American Committee for the Protection of the Children of the Frontier after the arrival of cases from America.

Towns and Cities Contributing Sewing and Clothing

AKRON, OHIO

Several affiliated groups, sending 7 bags and 5 boxes of clothing, Miss Irene Seiberling.

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Large center of many affiliated groups, under direction of Mrs. Louis P. Hall, sending large quantities of supplies regularly.

ALBANY, N. Y.

Newly organized group, Mrs. J. Fennimore Cooper, chairman.

ATHENS, VT.

Sewing group, Mrs. Ned W. Wyman, chairman

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Knitting.

AUBURN, IND.

Donations of many thousand articles, through Mrs. Anise C. Leas.

BURLINGTON, VT.

Sewing and donations from several individuals.

BOONEVILLE, N. Y.

Garments made.

BOSTON, MASS.

Garments made.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Sewing and donations by groups, individuals and schools.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Donations of clothing and sewing from several individuals, Miss Emily Mettey.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

New England Clothing Committee for the Children of the Frontier, 39 Garden Street, Cambridge, Mass., Miss Constance Hall, chairman. Shipping center for New England, including many groups and individuals.

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y.

Canandaigua Academy and individuals, sewing, Miss A. P. Granger.

CASANOVA, VA.

Sewing group, Mrs. Annie C. S. Nourse, chairman.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Donations from individuals.

CLARKTON, VA.

Garments made.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Sub-committee and shipping center for Illinois. Mrs. Russell Tyson, chairman; Chicago and neighboring groups.

CELINA, OHIO.

Clothing made.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Several groups, sending large contributions, Mrs. John V. Bonney, chairman.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO.

Garments made.

DEVON, PA.

"Little White Cottage" Donation.

GENEVA, OHIO.

Sewing, Trumbull School.

- GREENWICH, CONN.
Clothing made.
- GREENWICH, N. Y.
Donations.
- HAMILTON, MASS.
Making Garments.
- HOWELL, MICH.
Making Garments.
- JACKSON, MICHIGAN
Sewing and contributions from several individuals and groups.
- KANSAS CITY, MO.
Donation of clothing.
- LARCHMONT, N. Y.
Sewing, public school.
- MADISON, OHIO.
Making Garments.
- MEADVILLE, PA.
Belgian Relief Society, and individuals; regular shipments of sewing and many donations, Mrs. P. H. Richard.
- McKENNEY, VA.
Clothing made.
- MENLO PARK, CAL.
Donations of clothing and supplies.
- MIAMI, FLA.
Making Garments.
- MINEOLA, N. Y.
Nassau County Association, regular consignments of sewing.
- MONTCLAIR, N. J.
Making Garments.
- MT. HOLLY, N. Y.
Making garments.
- MT. POCAHO (Swiftwater), N. Y.
Sewing and donations, Miss Esther Fisher.
- MUNCIE, IND.
Four large boxes of clothing contributed by the school children.
- NEW BEDFORD,
Making garments, Mrs. Horatio Hathaway.
- NEWPORT, R. I.
Donation of clothing.
- NEW YORK CITY
Sewing and donations from:
All Souls Unitarian Church through Mrs. Geo. R. Bishop.
Grace Mission through Mrs. Paul Dana.
Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church through Miss E. A. Frost.
Ethical Culture School.
St. James Church through Deaconess Van Brochdorff.
St. Thomas Church through Mrs. R. V. Elliott and Mrs. C. S. Kerby.
National Special Aid Society through Mrs. Chas. Ditson.
Trinity Mission.
Woman's Work Shop, through Mrs. Wm. C. Osborn.
Many individuals.

NEW YORK, WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Red Cross Chapters, sewing and donations.

Armonk	Harmon-on-Hudson
White Plains	Pelham
Ardsley	Hartsdale
Bedford Hills	Katonah
Bronxville	Briarcliff
Peekskill	Dobbs Ferry
Hastings-on-Hudson	Ossining
Port Chester	Mt. Kisco
Yonkers	Pleasantville
Rye	Yorktown Heights
Mamaroneck	New Rochelle

OGUNQUIT, ME.

Making Garments.

ORANGE, N. J.

Making Garments.

PASSAIC, N. J.

Knitting.

PEACE DALE, R. I.

Sewing and donations, Mrs. O. C. Goodwin.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.

Making Garments.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Donation.

POMONA, N. Y.

Sewing and donations, Mrs. C. B. Boorum.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Several groups, individuals and schools; much sewing and many donations.

REDLANDS, CAL.

Making garments.

RICHMOND, VA.

Donations, Mrs. Stuart Bryan.

RIDGEFIELD, CONN.

Sewing and donations.

ROCKFORD, ILL.

Donation.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.

Large center, comprising several groups, and shipping many boxes of clothing and supplies, Mrs. Gouverneur Calhoun.

STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.

Donation of clothing.

SYOSSET, L. I.

Sewing and donations.

TROY, N. Y.

Donation.

WINDSOR, VT.

Donation.

WALPOLE, N. H.

Sewing and donations, Mrs. F. Spaulding.

WARREN, PA.

Sewing and donations.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Several groups, sending many boxes of clothing.

WESTBROOK, ME.

Making garments, Mrs. E. S. Cobb.

WESTON, MASS.

Donation.

WILMINGTON, DEL.

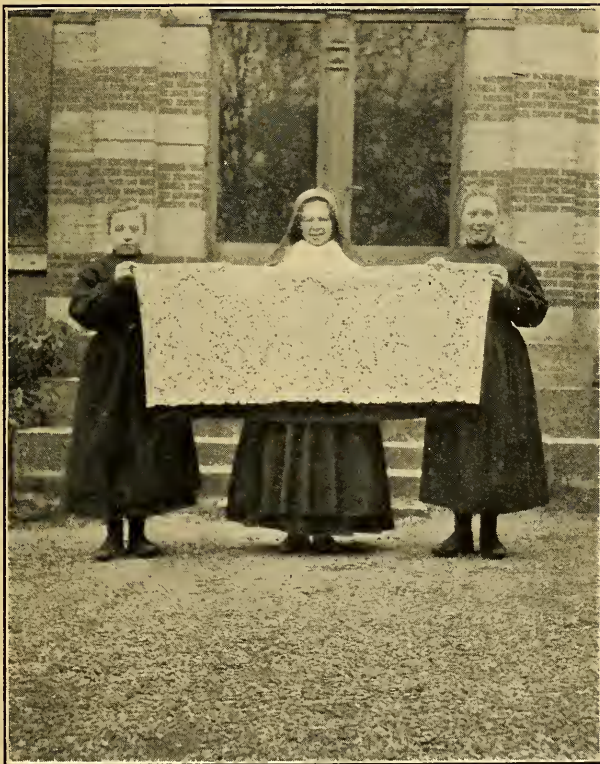
Donations and sewing, Mrs. Joseph Bancroft.

WOONSOCKET, R. I.

Making garments, Miss Edith Edwards.

YPSILANTI, MICH.

Making garments.



Two experts in the lace-class at Versailles, Les Ombrages, colony of the Comité Franco-Américain pour la Protection des Enfants de la Frontière, under the special protection of Countess Pierre de Viel-Castel and Mrs. Walter Gay.

Requirements for 1918

Those who are helping us in the work of clothing the children under the care of the Comité will be interested to know what the requirements are for 1918. In round numbers the Paris Committee has asked for the following garments:

- 4000 black sateen aprons
- 12000 gingham aprons
- 15000 pairs of stockings
- 800 pairs of socks for older boys
- 3000 handkerchiefs
- 600 hair brushes
- 600 combs
- 5000 cakes Ivory soap
- 8000 wash cloths
- 3000 pairs khaki trousers
- 3000 gingham blouses
- 3000 flannel blouses
- 6000 negligee shirts
- 6000 nightshirts
- 6000 nightgowns
- 1500 cotton dresses
- 9000 chemises
- 4000 underwaists and corset covers
- 5000 pairs of drawers
- 4000 petticoats
- 1500 caps
- 1000 sweaters
- 500 boys' suits
- 1000 wool dresses
- 1000 coats and caps

and mittens, mufflers, suspenders, etc., in indefinite numbers.

Only the continued help of all our sewing groups will enable us to fill this requisition.

New York Work Rooms

24,592 garments have been cut, sorted, counted, sent out, and, together with an almost equal number of donated garments, packed for shipment to France in the New York work rooms. This immense amount of work could never have been accomplished had it not been for the efficient and steady co-operation of the



New York volunteer workers in a task which has consisted mostly of hard and monotonous drudgery, without the inspiration which immediate contact with the great struggle has given to the volunteer workers on the other side of the water. Our thanks are due to all who have made it possible to meet the demands upon the New York office, and especially to those whose names follow:

Miss Mary C. Brown	Mrs. Fred. C. Lord
Mrs. F. R. Coudert	Mrs. J. MacDonough
Mrs. George A. Crocker, Jr.	Mrs. R. M. Parsons
Mrs. R. J. Cross	Mrs. Charles Phelps
Mrs. Cutler	Mrs. L. B. Rand
Mrs. W. North Duane	Miss Emily Redmond
Mrs. Peter Farnum	Miss Lelia Redmond
Miss Harriet Hammond	Mrs. Horace Russell
Miss Mary Hayden	Miss M. L. Russell
Mrs. Charles D. Hazen	Mrs. H. S. Satterlee
Mrs. Colgate Hoyt, Jr.	Mrs. L. Graeme Scott
Mrs. Henry Hoyt	Mrs. Guy Scull
Miss F. L. Howland	Mrs. Henry R. Stern
Mrs. W. H. Hutcheson	Miss Helen Taylor
Mrs. E. C. Jameson	Mrs. Maurice Tremblay
Mrs. Pierre Jay	Miss N. du Vivier

Especial acknowledgment and thanks is due also to Mrs. Henry Wise Wood for her work in raising a special blanket fund.

A large debt of appreciation and gratitude is due to Judge Frederick R. Wells for the use of work rooms for eight months, and to M. Charvet & Cie for our present quarters.

Shipping

The French government has recently organized the Service de Transport France-Amerique, which works as an auxiliary autonomous service attached to the Under-Secretaryship for Maritime Transports and to the War Office. The aim of this service is to overcome the difficulties in the transportation of gifts in kind from

America to France. The gifts are received and transmitted, without charge to the donors, to the benefiting organizations in France. The Service accepts all gifts in kind, such as food products, clothing, etc., with the exception of worn articles of clothing or perishable goods."

Through the great generosity of the French government, the Comité Franco-Américain is able to ship all its supplies by means of the Service, and extends its thanks for this great gift, which has made possible the continuation of its work in America.

It is with regret that we must ask our contributors to discontinue sending us worn clothing.

Contributors

Without the steady and increasing interest and support of the hundreds of marraines and contributors to the funds of the Comité, the work in France could not have continued. To all those whose contributions during the past year have made possible the comfort, health and safety of this regiment of refugee children, the Comité, in the name of the children, extends its most sincere and earnest thanks, and asks for continued support during the trying times ahead.



NESTOR DELANOYE

The mother of this delicate little boy died of a painful illness during the bombardment of Poperinghe, after which her six children were left to themselves and obliged to beg for food in the streets. Little Nestor came to Paris on July 31st with fifty refugee children from the North, all of whom were received by the Comité Franco-Américain pour la Protection des Enfants de la Frontière. Nestor was suffering from rickets and was too weak to stand or walk. He has an excellent mentality and a smile which wins all hearts. Though weak, his physical improvement is perceptible. He is at La Jonchère, the Sanatorium of the Committee, which is under the special protection of Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss.

Following is a statement of all sums expended by the American committee since the organization of the Comité Franco-American in August, 1914, to December 31, 1917:

GENERAL FUND

Remittances to Paris, for the support of the children..	\$161,416.72
Purchase of materials, shoes, and clothing, etc.....	33,874.51
Purchase of food.....	4,800.19
Purchase of blankets.....	1,892.50
Passage for nurse.....	78.75
Purchase of books (special donation).....	50.00
Total	\$202,112.67

ADOPTION FUND

Remittances to Paris for support of "adopted" children	\$66,410.45
Cable and exchange on checks.....	11.13
Total	\$66,421.58

ADMINISTRATION FUND

(All administration expenses are paid for from a fund specially contributed for that purpose; donations and subscriptions to the general and adoption funds go entirely to the support of the children.)

Salaries	\$2,230.38
Expenses of bazaars, Chicago and New York.....	795.45
Office expenses (tel., light 7c.).....	550.52
Stationery, printing, postage, cables, telegrams.....	1,982.61
Expressage	88.74
Miscellaneous	734.99
Total	\$6,517.99

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Following is a statement of all expenditures in France, from January 1, 1917, to October 31, 1917. Delays in communication make it impossible to give the statement for the full year. Amounts are in francs.

January 1 to October 31, 1917

GENERAL AND MARRAINE FUNDS

Support of colonies.....	Frs. 257,533.30
Support of Paris depots.....	45,621.75
Children requiring special care.....	3,244.75
For maintenance of children in hospitals and private institutions	7,355.50
Clothing	27,943.80
Medical services	4,157.65
Dentist, supplies, etc.....	2,264.80
Provisions (special purchases).....	943.00
Expense account	1,416.00
General charities	1,282.00
Advertising	36.00
Miscellaneous	986.10

Total	Frs. 352,784.65
Expenditures covered by special donations.....	34,164.00

386,948.65

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

(All administration expenses are paid from specially contributed funds, and not from the general or marraigne funds.)

Rent	Frs. 3,341.85
Light and heat	557.10
Fixtures and fittings.....	2,339.55
Salaries	15,414.60
Transportation	749.40
Stamps, telephone and telegraph.....	3,237.65
Stationery and books.....	2,214.55
Sundries	795.85
Typewriters	1,935.00
Insurance	118.85
Travelling expenses	825.30
Expense of motor.....	2,133.40
Miscellaneous	987.40

Total	Frs. 34,650.50
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Child in the street of a retaken village
of the Somme receiving sweets from a dis-
trict visitor.

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